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### **Prescribed Burning West of Tusayan To Continue Tomorrow**

WILLIAMS, Ariz. – Fire managers on the Kaibab National Forest plan to complete a prescribed burn tomorrow that is located about 12 miles west of Grand Canyon Village in the far western corner of the Tusayan Ranger District.

Over the last couple of weeks, fire managers have been treating sagebrush in the Rain project area with prescribed fire. They hope to complete work in the area tomorrow by treating 80 remaining acres.

Fire managers said it is a good time to conduct the burn since conditions have to be dry in order to effectively burn sagebrush. Fire managers will also be looking for slightly breezy conditions, which will help move the flames through the sagebrush.

The purpose of the sagebrush burn is to improve range conditions, enhance the growth of grasses and forbs, and re-establish fire's natural role in the ecosystem. Fire managers expect smoke production to be minimal. The smoke that is produced should dissipate quickly and shouldn't impact local communities.

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